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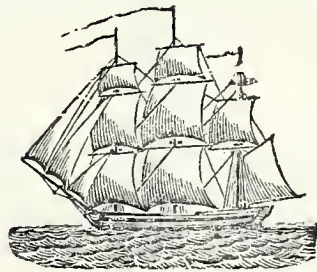
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY,

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.



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MARINERS' HOUSE CLOTHING STORE,

ADJOINING THE MARINERS' HOUSE,

226 ANN STREET, BOSTON.

THIS store, like the Bethel Clothing Store, (see advertisement on the last page of the cover,) is under the care of the Seamen's Aid Society, and both are intended to benefit seamen and their families. The *profits* of the *Mariners' House Clothing Store*, are all devoted to aid in the support of the temperance boarding-house, so that seamen who wish to conduct well, can have a comfortable and safe home.

There will constantly be kept on hand a full assortment of *Clothing, Mattresses, Chests, &c. &c.*, to fit out seamen, or other gentlemen going to sea, complete for a voyage.

Besides ready-made garments, many light and fancy articles are kept constantly on hand; such as *Silk Handkerchiefs, Satin and Bombazine Stocks, Cravats, Linen Shirt Bosoms, Dickeys, Gloves, Pencils, Knives, Combs, Brushes, &c. &c.* Also, an excellent assortment of *Shoes and Boots, Hats, Caps, Hosiery, &c. &c.*

REMARKS.

The following prices are paid to the work-women, who belong to seamen's families, employed by the ladies of the Seamen's Aid Society to make garments for the stores under their care:

Making common flannel or gingham shirt,	-	-	-	17 cts.
" twilled or calico shirt	-	-	-	20
" plain white cotton shirt,	-	-	-	25
" fine, with plaited bosom,	-	-	-	50
" flannel drawers,	-	-	-	17
" duck trousers with one pocket,	-	-	-	20
" kersey trousers	-	-	-	33
" satinet trousers	-	-	-	37 to 42
" fine cloth pants,	-	-	-	50
" common jackets	-	-	-	75
" pea jackets,	-	-	-	\$1 to \$1,25
" oil-cloth jackets,	-	-	-	34
" oil-cloth trousers,	-	-	-	17

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REPORT.

TRUE patriotism will ever direct our noblest energies, to the advancement of our country in learning, honor, and moral worth; the only means of elevating the people, and diffusing peace and happiness through all their social relations. The strength of character, necessary to the accomplishment of great good, is sometimes a natural gift; but it is as often the result of the struggles of adversity, and the chastening power of indigence. It is not dependant upon wealth or leisure; but wherever there is a free soul, if it is not sunk in absolute degradation, proper moral and intellectual culture may develope its capacities, and thus render the individual, if not a benefactor to his race, a blessing to all within the reach of his influence. In our own day, the author of the Navigator, and translator of La Place, by a vigorous intellect, and a life devoted to the investigation of truth, and the performance of duty, has acquired a fame, which will live as long as there is a ship on the ocean, or science on shore. Yet his early history points us to a lowly cottage, where daily labor provided daily bread, and a little school house by the way side, where not even maternal fondness, could find means to continue him, but for a very limited period.

Greatness requires individual excellence and effort; and a people will be great and good, only so far as they

individually feel their responsibilities, and strive to fulfil them. Individual enterprise, cultivation, and progress, give tone to society; and the condition of society in its turn, determines the character of the age. Linked together in one great brotherhood, men minister to the progress of each other, and advance their own interests, in proportion as they cast in what is true and good into the common treasury. What then is the surest way to benefit our country? Not to protect capitalists alone, not to add to the possessions of the wealthy, but to elevate individual character. In the words of one,* to whom we owe many true and beautiful views of duty, “the only way of doing any real, and substantial, and lasting good to the human family, is by the improvement of character. Character is every thing. Let this be right, and honesty, industry, and prudence, will root out want and wretchedness from every part of the earth. But leave character unchanged, and human want and woe are a mighty gulf, which will swallow up all that the benevolence of the whole world can throw in, and then be wider, and darker, and more awful than before.”

Human wisdom cannot always discern the dawns, of that energy of purpose, strength of will, and ingenuity to which the future is to be indebted for great improvements; it becomes us, therefore, to scatter wide the means of education through all portions of society, providing most amply, for those to whom Providence has assigned a desolate or an undesirable lot. But education cannot fulfil its mission to the poor, until outward comfort shall smile upon the abodes of the destitute; for without health, there can be no industry, and without principle, no effort for any thing higher than a merely animal existence.

*Jacob Abbott.

And how is the character of the poor to be reached? Where are the influences which are to elevate it? We answer, they are found in the relations of father, mother, sister, friend; in a word, in the government and instructions of home. So far only, as we can act upon homes, can we do much, or any thing effectually. Care and thought are bestowed upon the intellect of childhood, while the only things which can give it beauty and finish,—disinterestedness, love, affection and piety, are left to chance or the waywardness of the hour. We admire the genius of Byron and Shelly; yet we cannot but feel, that the misanthropy of the one, the deep sadness of the other, and the baneful opinions of both, would never have so clouded their existence, had they had better mothers and happier homes.

The lower classes peculiarly need the better influences of domestic life. The dazzling gaieties, which belong to wealth and rank, come not into their lowly dwellings. Their pleasures must be found at their firesides,—in the gradual unfolding of the little ones of their love,—and in the conscientious and faithful discharge of duty. The unassisted efforts of the poor, will not raise them above a mere provision for their physical wants. We would come to them with our simple offering of aid. We would not bring rich gifts from well filled purses, for experience has taught us, that it is not by rich gifts that the recipients are benefited. We may supply them profusely, but the contrast between our benefactions, and their scanty possessions, may cause discontent and repining, perhaps indolence and neglect. Aid them to gather around themselves the comforts which they need, and those comforts will be more valuable, than any luxuries bestowed by injudicious benevolence. Let the neatly made dress for the Sabbath, the

warm cloak for the winter, be the product of their own industry, and the first step will have been taken towards the melioration of their condition.

Home ! what a thrill does the name send to the heart of the absent ! But there is no magic in the sound, if there is not linked with it, a picture of kindness and love. Such emotions let it awaken in the heart of the sailor, as nearing his native shore he watches the steeples and dwellings growing dim in the twilight. Then let there come to him the remembrance of the "blazing hearth," his wife with her work-basket, his children conning the morrow's task around the well lighted table, and all rejoicing at the thought of his return. Let him feel then, that though his wages, his health, his life, are at the mercy of every storm and every fluctuation of trade, there are those who are able and willing to provide them with honest and respectable employment.

This was the design of our association. The friends of benevolence, looked abroad upon the face of society, saw the sailor lead a life of hardship at sea, and return with his hard earnings into the midst of temptation. Intemperance everywhere beset him, and that which should have been appropriated to the benefit of his family, was wrested from him, by the ruinous attractions of the bar-room. This was not all. His family was seen to be suffering from want, without comfortable food or clothing, and what was worse, entirely destitute of the means of procuring the necessaries of existence. The benevolent heart yearned to pour forth its charities, to surround these depressed degraded ones with the comforts and pleasures of home. To afford relief, without any effort on the part of the poor, was but to aggravate the evil. The desire to aid was fruit-

ful in expedients. The question was, how to render a lasting good;—to save the husband from the miserly grasp of the oppressor, and provide permanent support for his wife and children. Aid to the sailor was secured in our “Mariner’s House,” and assistance for seamen’s families in our Bethel store.

Would that we could speak, so that every seaman might hear our invitation to “come to our ‘Mariner’s House.’” Would that we could make him feel the superiority of our reading room, to the place where is retailed the poison, which degrades his character, and embitters his peace. Would that we could make him justly appreciate our quiet house, our well supplied table, our benevolent hostess; then would thousands who are now dupes of the bad and designing, become blessings to their families and to society at large. But while we lament, that our usefulness is not more extended, we would rejoice in the good we are permitted to accomplish; and although those who seek only their own selfish ends, oppose us openly and in secret, we will press on, hope on.

The benefits of our “Mariner’s House” are not our only, or our chief charity. How many mothers have cause to be grateful for the institution of our “Seaman’s Aid Store.” Former reports have told of hundreds supplied with regular employment, and the numerous applications for work which still continue to be made, show that this kind of relief was needed. How much good has been effected, by our school for the education of seamen’s daughters! In how many instances have childhood, age, and sickness, applied for our charity, and not applied in vain!

Our tenth anniversary finds our society still in successful operation, and again imposes upon us the duty of

making known to you, the results of our experiment since our last annual report, and our plans for the future. The past year has been one of almost unprecedented commercial distress,—a distress that, dependant as each is upon his neighbor, has been felt in every branch of industry. Ship owners have made unprofitable voyages, the seaman's wages have fallen, and of course he has had less means of providing for his comfort on shore. Still the business of our "Seaman's Aid Store" has not been essentially diminished. We have kept on hand a good assortment of every variety of garments needed by the sailor, every one of which has been made by seamen's wives and daughters; and the constant return of our customers after numerous voyages, has convinced us that they were satisfied with our work. Forty females have been supplied with employment, and they have been paid \$1,355 48. Our present stock of goods, estimated at cost, is worth \$2,466,58; that of the "Mariner's House Store," which is a branch of the "Seaman's Aid Store," estimated at cost, is \$1,200, making an aggregate amount of \$3,666 58. In the latter store, during a period of six months, goods to the amount of \$1,325 58, were purchased by boarders in the house, for which cash was paid. Our store is now established on a permanent basis. For ten years it has slowly but steadily advanced, maintaining itself in the midst of opposition. Could we supply a larger number of women, with work, our usefulness would be increased. At some seasons of the year sixty can be employed, for a short period; we would gladly give permanent occupation to that number, did our funds enable us to do it, without involving us in debt. As it is, every dollar that comes into our hands, is appropriated, and it is only by the donations of friends, that this desirable object can be attained.

Besides our regular workwomen, we are training up in our school a little band of seamen's daughters, who, by being instructed in sewing during four afternoons of the week, will, we hope, become thorough and expert seamstresses. They are already learning to depend upon their own resources. Not long since, we observed a little girl steadily at work upon a garment for the store. On inquiry we learned, that she was using this means to procure school books. Think you not there will be a pleasure in the use of them, which the gift of twice their number would not confer? There are now thirty-five on our list, who by constant attendance will, we have reason to believe, derive lasting benefit from our school. The mornings are devoted to the usual elementary branches of learning. The teacher to whose care these little girls have been committed for several years past, was during the last spring, from ill health and domestic cares, obliged to relinquish her duties. Her place has, however, been filled by another, whose interest and ability seem to be such as to promise beneficial results. The great evil, against which we have to contend, and the removal of which demands our strenuous efforts in behalf of these "young learners," is the almost total want of moral and home culture. They come to us, at the age of seven and eight years, ignorant of the alphabet, and with few definite ideas of right and wrong. "I am obliged," says the teacher, "to devote much of my attention to discipline," and the poverty and degradation from which her pupils come, give them strong claims, to a healthy moral atmosphere for at least some hours in the day. A knowledge of arithmetic and geography, could be acquired as well in our public schools, but it is the influence, upon the heart and life, which is needed more than any thing else.

The school requires patient and persevering labor, but we think it will repay us a thousand fold. It has been regularly visited during the year by committees, appointed by the society, who have made reports of its condition and progress at our monthly meetings. We cannot too strongly insist upon the necessity of these visits, since it is only by watchfulness that evils can be checked, and improvements introduced into our plans of teaching.

Not the least valuable feature of our charity, is our "Mariner's House." Since our last report, it has undergone some important and necessary changes. It will be recollected, that at its first establishment, a fair was held, to provide for its use, what was left unsupplied by the donations of the society, and to pay the rent of \$600 a year. In addition to this, the profits of the store connected with the house, were appropriated in part payment of its current expenses. With these exceptions, the pecuniary responsibility was assumed by the Superintendent. Our lease was to be renewed in April, and we found on recurring to the books of the treasurer, that there remained of our fund only enough for the rent of the present year, and part of the next. The house has heretofore been unable to support itself without this aid, and no one has hitherto been found willing to assume it, on any other condition. There seemed to remain to us no alternative, but to expend our fund, and again solicit the aid of the public, or to relinquish the house altogether; to each of which measures, we should be very reluctant to have recourse. Should an appeal be made to your generosity, we should only gain a temporary relief, and to give up the house altogether, when we were persuaded it was influencing so many for good, was not to be thought of for a

moment. The exigency, although it involved a great responsibility, was successfully met. After mature deliberation, we proposed to detach the store from the house, thus bringing its profits into our own hands. The former Superintendents, thinking that they could not remunerate themselves for their labor on such terms, resigned the house into our charge early in April. There were, however, not wanting individuals ready to assume their place. In securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. Brodhead, we feel that we have reason to rejoice for ourselves, for the sailor, and for the poor. Every effort which judgment, diligence, and kindness could prompt, has been readily and cheerfully made. The house was repaired, and replenished, with whatever the wear of the three previous years had rendered necessary. On the first of May, it was reopened with appropriate religious services. We adopted the plan of visiting the house, on the days of the regular meetings of our board, to advise and consult in regard to its internal arrangements, to ascertain if at any time, they could be improved, or rendered more economical. Besides this, a report was to be exhibited quarterly of all receipts, and expenditures, and all bills presented. This has been done. And it is obvious, that, under such regulations, we can know, at any moment, the precise amount of our liabilities.

Our experiment has been in operation only seven months, and the result cannot be determined, until the expiration of the year. But we believe, and we speak advisedly, that the house will ultimately be able to meet all its expenses. We think we can say with truth that the household is well ordered. Every part is neatly and thoroughly cared for. The table is abundantly supplied with proper food, and a separate table is pro-

vided for masters of vessels, if they prefer it, at an additional price. It is conducted upon strict temperance principles, with a daily recognition of dependance upon God. Family prayers are held by the Superintendent at seven o'clock in the morning, and at nine in the evening, during the winter months; and at earlier hours, in the summer. Meetings for prayer and religious conversation, are held every Wednesday evening, open to all seamen. They are conducted by Rev. E. T. Taylor. About fifty persons are usually present; the audience are generally deeply interested; and several individuals have exhibited evidence of decided religious improvement.

Our reading room is supplied with five daily papers, besides pamphlets and books. We have, however, we regret to say, fewer volumes than are desirable, or than would be valuable to us. The sailor is fond of reading, and in many instances possesses some few books of his own. On the table of a boarder in the house, there were, besides a Bible and hymn-book, such authors as Burns, Scott, Cooper, and many miscellaneous works, all neatly covered, and bearing the marks of being well read. Where there is such a taste for reading, it should certainly be gratified. One friend is already occupied in adding to our library, and we hope others will not forget us, in the midst of their abundance. The reading room is open to *all seamen*, whether they are, or are not, boarders in the house; and they are invited to pass their leisure hours there. They can also, at any time, be provided with tracts and papers gratuitously, on application to the Superintendent. We would also suggest the propriety of a supply of Bibles being kept constantly on hand, for distribution. Many will accept and read Bibles who would not purchase them; and the word of God

might be read during many night watches, and sent to many ports, could a fund be raised for the purpose.

Since the first of April, twenty-two shipwrecked and disabled seamen have come to us for relief. In one instance, a ship's crew were under our charge for a week, and one of them, without the knowledge of the keepers of the house, sold his chest of clothes, and divided the proceeds among his shipmates, to defray their expenses home. It was all his worldly goods, but the money was distributed to the last dollar. Noble instance of sailor generosity ! Many cases of severe suffering come under our notice, which are relieved, sometimes, by board without charge, sometimes by clothing, and always in illness, by kind attendance. We have at this moment under our care, a sailor who was wrecked in a severe gale of wind, between Halifax and the West Indies, and who is the only survivor of a whole ship's crew. He remained for days and weeks upon the wreck, seeing his companions, one by one, dying around him, and was finally left alone in the fore-top, to endure the most excruciating agonies from hunger and thirst. He was rescued by a humane captain, when life was almost extinct, and he a skeleton of his former self. Through the kind efforts of his deliverer, and the donations of several merchants here, the immediate necessities of the sufferer were relieved ; and our house has offered him a home, and our store supplied him with clothing, until he shall be sufficiently restored, to return to his friends in New York. The amount of our donations during the present year has been \$56,75.

We have spoken of the influence of our "Mariner's House," in the promotion of religion and charity ; it remains for us, only, to speak of its influence in the promotion of temperance. Intemperance is, perhaps, the sailor's besetting sin ; but thanks to the glorious reform-

ation now in progress, it is fast disappearing before the efforts of philanthropy. We could point to many instances of reform, but a single one will suffice. It is that of a gray haired man, whom age now keeps from sea, and who, with his wife, was addicted to this vice. For more than twelve years he had not entered the house of God. His home was neglected, his children dirty and ragged, and his whole family presented a scene of squalid wretchedness. Through the unwearied efforts of our hostess, he has been led to give up entirely the use of ardent spirits. Both he and his wife have signed the pledge, and have not since yielded to temptation. He has been provided with a jacket from our store, which is scrupulously kept for the Sabbath; himself and family are regular attendants at church, and his children members of the Sunday school. They are industriously employed during the week, and their home is beginning to wear an aspect of comfort, unknown for years. Do not such cases, encourage us to greater exertion?

The new year will be commenced under favorable auspices: we have only to regret that we shall be deprived of the warm heart, the ready sympathies, and the constant aid of our respected friend, Rev. Mr. Taylor. His sphere of action is one that cannot be soon, or easily filled; we can only hope, that before another of our annual gatherings, he will be restored to his family, his flock, and to our society, with renewed and confirmed health; and be long spared to occupy the important and useful station, the duties of which he has so long and so faithfully discharged.

In conclusion, permit us to urge upon you, the necessity of continued and *personal* interest, in the great work in which you have so nobly engaged. We believe it has been, it certainly promises to be, a means of exten-

sive usefulness. But in every enterprise, which involves responsibility and toil, there are seasons of languor and weariness, even to the most energetic and devoted. At such times, a word of encouragement, or advice, coming from those rich in the experience of domestic happiness, will do much, very much to infuse a new life, and a cheerful spirit, into difficult and laborious duties. To you, it may be the small effort of a kind word or a pleasant smile; to your agents in the cause of benevolence, it may give an impetus, which months will not weaken. In our school, in our house, there is much and constant contact with sin and misery; intemperance and its kindred vices, neglected homes, and sorrowing hearts. Be yours, the sacred task of sympathy and cooperation with those, whom you have placed in situations which require patience, forbearance, tenderness. We read of a dial, upon which time was marked by the opening and shutting of flowers. How beautiful the life, whose hours are told by the beginning and ending of some deed of charity! The law of compensation, so wisely and beneficently ordained by Providence, will insure an abundant reward to your benevolence. Kindle the flame of peace and love in the home of the lonely and forsaken, and when your own hearth stones are desolate, or you are sinking into the forgetfulness of the last sleep, you will feel that you have some treasures beyond the reach of the destroyer, the sweet charities, and holy affections, which you have gathered in your visits to the poor and the stranger.

In behalf of the Board,

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. QUINCY, *Secretary S. A. S.*

Boston, Dec. 14, 1842.

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Seamen's Aid Society in account with ANN E. COFFIN, *Treasurer*,

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1842		1842	
To cash paid for articles for store,	\$3,051 43	By cash on hand from last year's account, . .	\$1,295 85
" " work-women,	1,345 48	" subscription of members,	480 09
" " pensioners and charity,	265 80	" donations,	56 75
" " repairing Mariners' House, and rent,	534 06	" interest of \$1,000, for 9 months,	45 00
" " rent of store and fuel,	162 00	" sales at the store,	4,821 77
" " rent of school-room and teacher, . .	247 00		
" " printing reports and notices, . . .	86 00		
" " insurance of stock,	41 00	By balance on hand,	\$6,699 37
" " collecting subscriptions, advertising, &c.	14 75		\$943 85
" " use of hall for annual meeting, . .	5 00		
To balance on hand,	943 85		
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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

ANN E. COFFIN, *Treasurer*.

Examined and accepted by the Board of Managers.

M. F. QUINCY, *Secretary S. A. S.*

BOSTON, DECEMBER 21st, 1842.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

DEEPLY impressed with the importance of measures now in progress in this City for the melioration of the condition of seamen,—a class of men, who, for their usefulness to their country, for the perils they undergo, and from their small means, have a strong claim upon the sympathy and active charity of all who wish to do good,—we, ladies of Boston, agree to form a benevolent association for the following purposes: 1. To assist in relieving the sick and disabled seamen, and their suffering families: 2. To afford aid and encouragement to the poor and industrious females belonging to the families of seamen: 3. To promote the education of seamen's children, and improve the condition and character of seamen and their families.

In order the better to accomplish these purposes, we agree to the following Rules and Regulations:

ART. I. The society shall be called the SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

ART. II. Its officers shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected annually.

ART. III. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in January.

ART. IV. There shall be chosen, annually, a Board of Managers, consisting of six members: to this Board, the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall belong; but the President and Treasurer may have no power to draw moneys, or make appropriations, except by their vote. Five members shall constitute a quorum for doing business.

ART. V. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, and shall direct special meetings to be called at the request of members. In the absence of the President, a moderator shall be chosen.

ART. VI. The Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Society, and at each meeting of the Board, read the record of the last preceding meeting. She shall, on special occasions, notify the members of the meetings of the Society and the Board.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall collect the subscriptions of members, shall take in charge all funds, keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, and shall exhibit a statement of the same at each monthly meeting of the Managers, and an annual report to the Society.

ART. VIII. The Board of Managers shall hold monthly meetings every fourth Wednesday: then each individual of the Board shall submit the applications made to her for relief, in order that, by conferring together, impositions may be prevented, and the worthy alone sustained by the charity of the Society. At the monthly meetings, the orders on the Treasurer may be drawn and paid; and the Board of Managers may make appropriations, rendering an account of the same at the next monthly meeting.

ART. IX. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancy in their body between the annual meetings; they are empowered to make contracts and appoint agents, and direct all the arrangements necessary to carry into effect the benevolent purposes of the Society.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to adopt, from time to time, such measures as they deem most judicious to increase the funds of the Society.

All donations shall be recorded by the Secretary, with the names of the donors,—unless otherwise requested by the individual,—and reported at the annual meeting.

ART. XI. The Board of Managers shall, at every annual meeting, present a statement of their proceedings.

ART. XII. Every person who shall annually pay one dollar to the use of the Society, shall thereby be a member. Every person who shall pay twenty dollars to the use of the Society, shall thereby become a life-member, exempt from any assessment.

ART. XIII. Any alteration of these articles may be made at any annual meeting, provided a majority of the members present consent, and provided also that twenty members be present.

APPEAL

TO THE

SEAMEN OF BOSTON.

WHILE you are on the ocean, far from your homes, the Ladies of the Seamen's Aid Society are endeavoring to promote the comfort of your wives and little children. We provide needlework for poor females belonging to the families of Seamen, and in the Seamen's Aid Clothing Store are placed the garments made by the hands of the destitute widow or orphan, whose husband or father was buried, perhaps, beneath the waves.

We pay these poor females nearly twice as much for their work as the *slop-shops* allow, and we sell the garments at the same price as the *slop-shops* sell. Come and see if these things are not so. Come to the Clothing Store, under the Seamen's Bethel, *your own Store*, where you will find garments of good materials, and made in the best manner,—garments with strong seams, that will not be blown apart in the first gale, but will keep you warm and comfortable through the rough voyage. Come and pay us your money for clothing: we will expend the money in doing good to Seamen and their families. We give no credit; but when a poor shipwrecked sailor calls, and is recommended by that friend of Seamen, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, we give him his apparel without money and without price.

Come, then, in the hour of your prosperity, and sustain our plan of the Clothing Store, and in the hour of your adversity you may with confidence claim relief from the Seamen's Aid Society.

MARINERS' HOUSE,

226 ANN STREET, BOSTON.



THIS is a temperance boarding-house for seamen, under the care of the Seamen's Aid Society. It is large and convenient, well furnished and well kept. The provisions are of the best quality, and the tables spread with an abundance and variety of all good and wholesome food.

Arrangements are also made for the wants of the *mind* as well as the body. A pleasant, and in the winter, well warmed reading-room is constantly kept open, furnished with the daily papers, and useful and entertaining books. In short, every thing is arranged for the comfort and improvement of sailors; and they cannot fail of being happy there, if they conduct well.

Seamen, will you come to the MARINERS' HOUSE, and see what a pleasant and comfortable HOME is provided for you? Board only \$3,00 per week, and no expense for liquors.

SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY CLOTHING STORE,

UNDER THE SEAMEN'S BETHEL,
NORTH SQUARE, BOSTON.

THE Society still keep constantly for sale a good assortment of ready-made Garments for Seamen and other gentlemen, comprising, among other articles, *Fine Shirts, Cotton do., Flannel do., Gingham do., Bosoms and Diekeys, Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Stocks, Cravats, Gloves and Hosiery, Hats, Drawers, Boots and Shoes, Frock Coats, Vests, Round Jackets, Pea do., Monkey do., Pantaloons, Trousers, Storm Oil Dresses, Life Preservers, Cork Mattresses, Blankets, &c. &c.*

Seamen going to sea can be supplied, at short notice, with Chests, and every suitable article to fill them.

The Store is established by a Society of Ladies, for the following purposes :

1st. To assist in *relieving the sick and disabled Seamen*, and their suffering families.

2d. To afford aid and encouragement to the poor and industrious females belonging to the families of Seamen.

3d. To promote the education of Seamen's children and improve the condition of Seamen and their families.

The establishment is therefore entirely devoted to the benefit of Seamen and their families. The garments are all made by the wives, widows, and daughters of Seamen, who are employed by the Society, and *paid a just price* for their labor. The articles are warranted to be well made, and of the best quality. Those who purchase, need fear no imposition; and the profits are to be wholly employed in doing good to the unfortunate, promoting the comfort, and encouraging the improvement of Seamen and their families.

Seamen, and the friends of Seamen, will you not call at the Store of the Seamen's Aid Society?